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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 36,39 and 43-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 36,39 and 43-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 36, 39 and 43-48 are pending in this application.

Action Summary

1. Examiner acknowledges the cancellation 37, 38 and 40-42.
2. The rejection of claims 36, 39 and 43-48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Wong et al. in view of Appel et al. is hereby withdrawn.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 36, 39 and 43-48 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 36, 39 and 43-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wong et al. (US 5,667,804) in view of Sumitomo Chem. Co. LTD. (EP 0 088 556).

Wong et al. teaches in col. 8, lines 23-36 a forming means for forming bands onto a dosage form. The bands may be placed or printed dosage forms. Column 11,

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lines 60 through column 12 teach that the bands may be formed on a Tait Capsealer machine. Page 15, lines 5-25 of the specification teach that the Tait Capsealer will align the groove circumscribed on the blank to form bands within the grooves. Printing wheels and transport mechanisms are taught on pages 16-19. The prior art does not teach forming the bands in the grooves of blanks.

Sumitomo Chem. Co. LTD. discloses tablets having an impressed valley portion and that a material can be deposited in the valley has no limitation as long as it is one usually used a coating for tablets (page 2, lines 17-22).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the dosage blanks of Sumitomo Chem. Co. LTD. with the invention of Wong et al. Sumitomo Chem. Co. LTD. teaches a tablet having a valley wherein a material may be deposited thereon and Wong teaches a Tait Capsealer machine for putting band onto a blank, therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill that the Tait Capsealer machine of Wong et al. would align the valley of the tablets from Sumitomo Chem. Co. LTD. and form bands thereon. The expected result would be a dosage form with a band having a distinct release characteristic.

Conclusion

5. Claims 36, 39 and 43-48 are rejected.

Telephone Inquiries

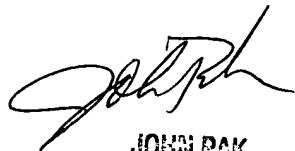
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